The Voynich Manuscript

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Cipher Manuscript

"The Voynich Manuscript"

Call Number: Beinecke MS 408

Date: [ca. 1404-1438]

Genres: Manuscripts

Botanical illustrations
Astronomical charts
Drawings
Hand coloring
Illustrations

Type of Resource: mixed material

Description: Parchment. ff. 102 (contemporary foliation, Arabic numerals; not every leaf foliated) + i (paper), including 5 double-folio, 3 triple-folio, 1 quadruple-folio and 1 sextuple-folio folding leaves. 225 x 160 mm.

Abstract: Scientific or magical text in an unidentified language, in cipher, apparently based on Roman minuscule characters.

Physical Description: 1 vol.
color illustrations
23.5 cm x 16.2 cm x 5 cm (binding)

Collection: Beinecke Library

Extent of Digitization: Complete work digitized.

Source: Digital image/tiff

Format: tiff

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New Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A.

Place of origin: possibly Italy

Date: 1404-1438, parchment dated to early 15th century

Type: codex, 1 volume, color illustrations, vellum/parchment (calf skin)

Size: 23.5 cm x 16.2 cm x 5 cm (binding), (9.3 in × 6.4 in × 2.0 in)

Author(s): unknown

Scribe(s): unknown

Language: unknown, possibly natural or constructed language

Script: unknown, possibly an invented script

Sections: herbal, astronomical, balneological, cosmological, pharmaceutical, recipes

Other: cryptography case which has not been solved or deciphered

Partially damaged and incomplete; 234 out of 272 pages found, the manuscript contains 11 foldouts.

The manuscript is divided into 20 quires, quires 16 and 18 are missing.

The manuscript contains 234 pages.

Pages 12, 59-64, 74, 91, 92, 97, 98, 109 and 110 are missing.

* folio 12, apparently cut out, stub still visible;

* folios 59-64, three bifolios that should have been in the centre of quire 8;

* folio 74, cut out, stub still visible, cut marks are clearly visible on folio 75r;

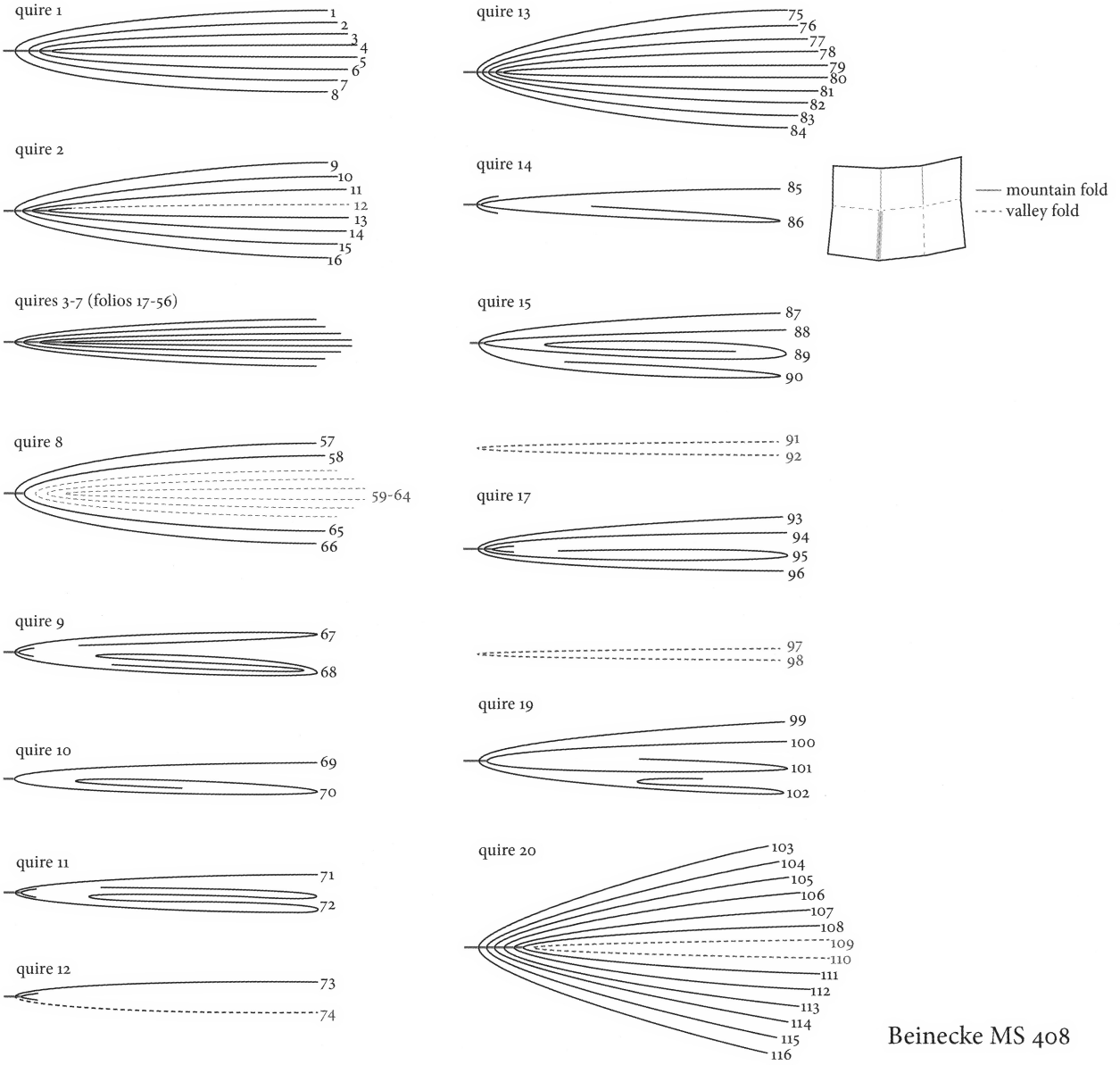
* quire 16, which appears to have consisted of one bifolio composed of folio 91 and folio 92;

* quire 18, which appears to have consisted of one bifolio composed of folio 97 and folio 98;

* folios 109 and 110, which should have been in the centre of quire 20.

Source: high resolution tiff images

Photographed: May, October 2014



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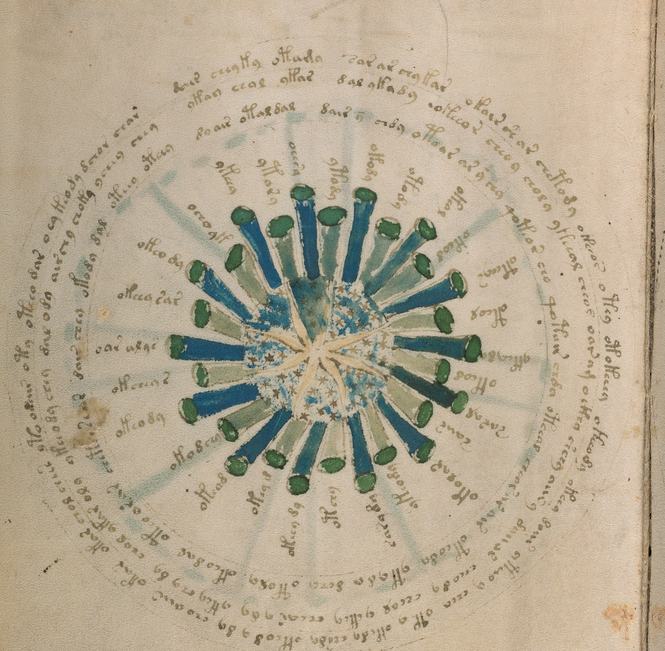

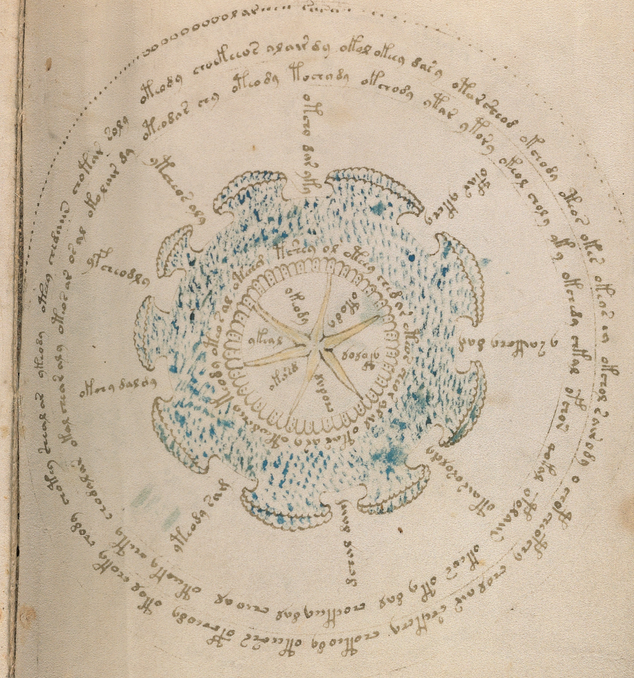

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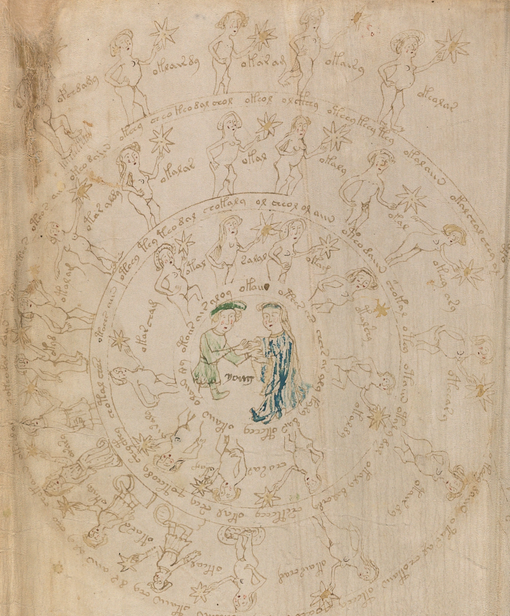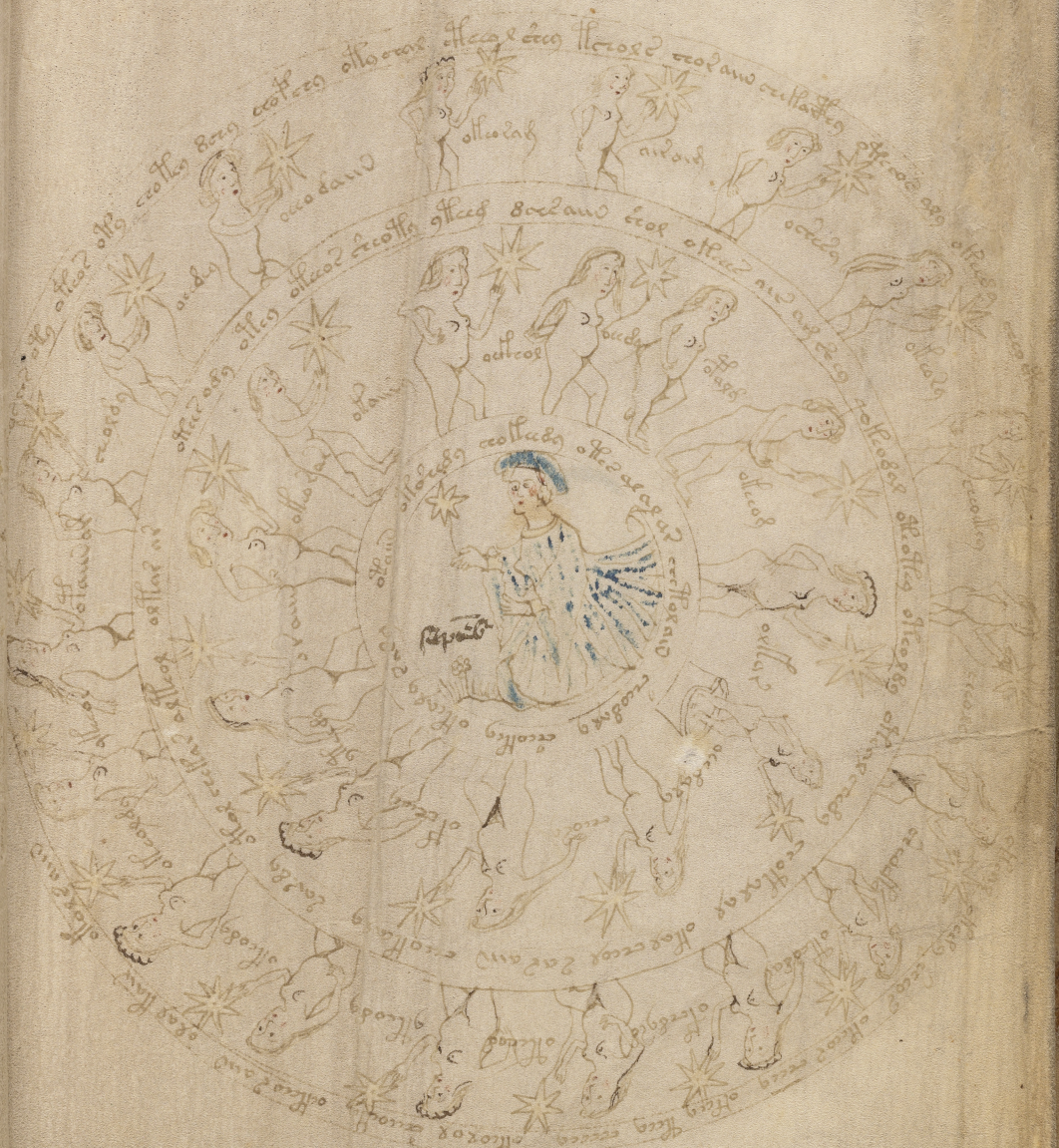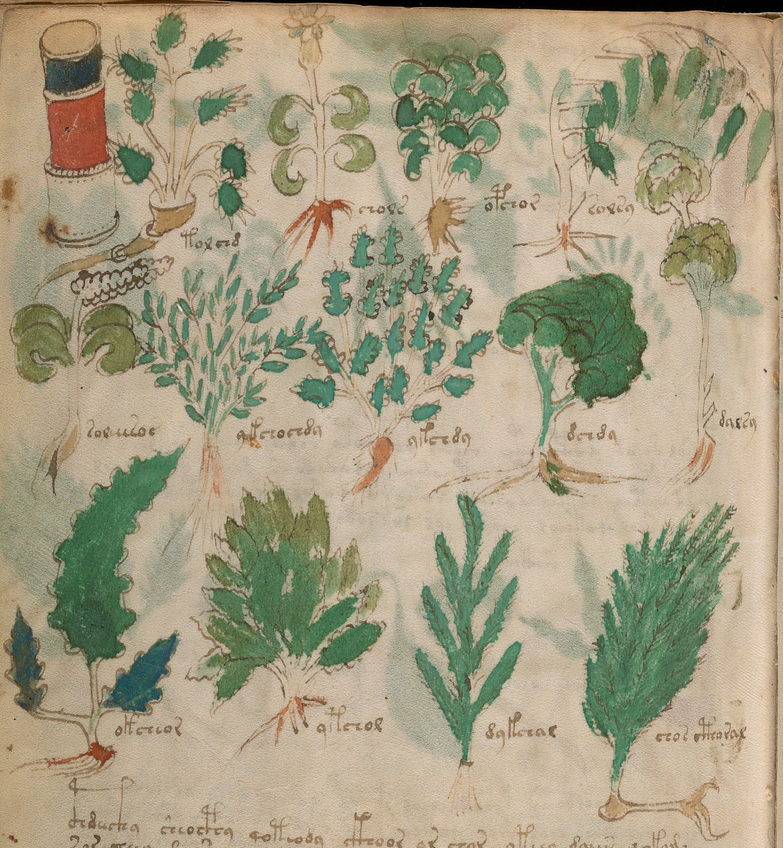
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